



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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Mayor & Council/Planning Commission Workshop Minutes November 6, 2006

Commission Members Present: Chair Ed Gladstone, Vice Chair Connie Koenig, Don Krigbaum, Council Liaison Walt Stull and Ellis Burruss, Alternate.

Mayor & Council Present: Mayor Carroll Jones, and Councilmen Walt Stull, Ron Bruchey, Beth Johnson and Tom Smith.

Staff Present: City P & Z Administrator Rick Stup, Development Review Planner Jeff Love, Comprehensive & Utility Planner Jack Whitmore, City Administrator Dave Dunn and County Planning Liaison Carole Larsen.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Mayor Jones delivered opening comments, and asked Staff to guide the group through the Workshop.

Mr. Stup reviewed the Agenda Package, the items placed on the Dais, and presented the overview of the workshop. He indicated that Dr. Allgaier was out of town, but provided e-mail comments on the Plan, which were distributed to participants of the workshop.

Master Plan

Review of the status and schedule revisions for Update/Re-write of the current City of Brunswick Master Plan for re-adoption.

Messrs. Stup & Whitmore reviewed the Schedule and progress with regard to the Master Plan Update/Rewrite.

BPc Draft 2006 Master Plan:

Mayor & Council questions relating to the Planning Commission Draft 2006 Master Plan Update.

Staff Presentation

Mr. Whitmore briefly presented the BPc Draft 2006 Master Plan. A brief discussion of the changes that are in the BPc Draft as opposed to the 2004 Master Plan were discussed.

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Those changes focused on new elements, a new style of Goals, Objectives, and Policies, and the Maps that have been created.

Special consideration was given to the Municipal Growth, Water Resources, and Workforce Housing Elements, that were included in the 2006 Maryland General Assembly, House Bills 1141 and 1160. Additional discussion was based on the Master Plan Maps.

Messrs. Stup, Whitmore and Love, and Ms. Larsen answered questions from the Mayor & Council, clarified comments from the Planning Commission, and stated that Staff is working with MDP and MDE for their assistance to fulfill the requirements.

The following are specific major items from the workshop participants:

Mayor Jones:

- Questioned the population information and how it was utilized to develop the Plan.
- Noted that the projected growth was too much in the 20 year plan.
- Expressed that the City needs more commercial, questioned where it was to go, and how the downtown would accommodate the re-development.

Mr. Burruss:

- Stated that the Plan has an overall goal to remain a unique community, allowing Brunswick to have a larger population while still retaining its image.

Mr. Smith:

- Commented that he did not believe the Public Works Section of the Community Facilities Element presented an accurate picture of the way things are handled with regards to scheduled maintenance.
- Stated that it should not be the City's responsibility to provide certain services that other municipalities receive from the County. In particular, the proposal for a Mulch Site.
- Commented on inclusionary zoning and the ability to provide business in residential zones.
- Questioned the proposal for a Mini Law Mall, and the area adjoining Rosemont included in the new growth boundary.
- Stated that the City was expanding too much to the east in the Plan.

Ms. Koenig:

- Commented that this Plan placed Policies for expansion of City Staff and Facilities into writing.
- Stated that the Planning Commission went outside the proposed growth boundary to request cooperation from Frederick County to protect the growth boundary and the integrity of the Plan, and that the Plan attempted to move areas from the previous Plan from the west to the east without drastically increasing residential growth potential in order to provide City Infrastructure and Services.

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Mr. Krigbaum:

- Asked questions with regard to the northeast boundary to reinforce the rationale of the growth boundary with regard to the ability to provide infrastructure.

Mayor Jones presented closing statements on the Planning Commission Draft 2006 Master Plan, and stated that he commended the Planning Commission for their work on the Plan. He indicated that it was satisfactory to proceed with the proposed schedule.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Gladstone, Chair
Brunswick Planning Commission